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5-20-63

12-35 PM CST

BS

TO - DIRECTOR, FBI 157-6-4 AND SAC, MOBILE
FROM - SAC, BIRMINGHAM 157-232 2P

SIT-INS, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, BEGINNING APRIL THREE, SIXTYTHREE,
RACIAL MATTERS. [REDACTED] A/A

TOM LANKFORD, REPORTER, "THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS," [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SPECIAL AGENT ROY M. OSBORN OF THIS OFFICE TODAY, THAT

AL LINGO, DIRECTOR, ALABAMA HIGHWAY PATROL, HAD BEEN STATING THAT
HE WAS CONCERNED OVER THE POSSIBILITY FBI WAS TAPPING HIS TELEPHONE. A/A

UPON RECEIPT OF THIS RUMOR, SAC TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED LINGO,
WHO IS OPERATING FROM MOBILE HEADQUARTERS AT INGRAM PARK, A NEGRO
SECTION OF BIRMINGHAM, AND ADVISED HIM OF THIS RUMOR WITHOUT

[REDACTED] SAC TOLD MR. LINGO THAT HE DESIRED TO MAKE
THE POSITIVE AND UNEQUIVOCAL STATEMENT THAT THE FBI HAD NOT TAPPED
THE TELEPHONES OF THE ALABAMA HIGHWAY PATROL, AND THAT ANY RUMOR
TO THAT EFFECT IS COMPLETELY FALSE AND WITHOUT ANY FOUNDATION.

SAC THEN INFORMED MR. LINGO OF THE IRONCLAD POLICY OF THE FBI
WITH RESPECT TO SUCH MATTERS, WHICH POLICY HAS BEEN OF LONG STANDING
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AND IS A MATTER OF PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE. MR. LINGO STATED THAT HE FELT GREATLY RELIEVED. MR. LINGO WAS INFORMED THAT IN THE EVENT ANY SIMILAR SITUATIONS CAME UP INVOLVING THE FBI IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED IF HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE SAC, AND UPON DOING SO HE WOULD GET A STRAIGHT, FORTHRIGHT ANSWER WHICH WOULD TEND TO DISPEL ANY RUMORS.

THE CONVERSATION WITH MR. LINGO WAS FIRM AND MOST FRIENDLY AND COURTEOUS IN TONE ON BOTH SIDES.

MOBILE BEING ADVISED AS MATTER OF INFORMATION IN VIEW OF FACT MOBILE COVERS STATE CAPITOL.

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MO TO BE ADVISED

WA 2-42 PM OK FBI WA JHM

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CC-MR. ROSEN